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SUBJECT: DUTCH INTEREST IN COMPETING FREELY TO SELL EQUIPMENT TO U.S. AGENCIES

REF: THE HAGUE 5852

1. U.S. APPRECIATES DUTCH INTEREST IN PROMOTING SALE OF THEIR EQUIPMENT TO U.S. ENTITIES. IF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INDUSTRY MOLKENBOER STILL PLANNING TO VISIT U.S., APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. CO-PRODUCTION OF F16 ITEMS IS GOVERNED BY MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) COVERING F16 SALE. INDUSTRIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR

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ALLOCATING CO-PRODUCTION ITEMS AMONG NATIONAL MEMBERS.

USG CANNOT UNILATERALLY INCREASE NETHERLANDS SHARE OF CO-PRODUCTION UNDER MOU.

3. WITH REGARD TO F-27 MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT, F-28 AIRCRAFT, OSCILLOSCOPES AND DIESEL ENGINES, DOD IS NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT AT THIS POINT, BUT WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO MEETING WITH MOLKENBOER TO DISCUSS IN MORE DETAIL DUTCH PROPOSALS INCLUDING APPLICABILITY OF BUY-AMERICAN ACT.

4. FOREIGN-BUILT OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING PLATFORMS UNDER CONTROL OF U.S. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PROHIBITED FROM DRILLING WITHIN THE U.S. THREE MILE LIMIT OR ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TWO SUCH FOREIGN PLATFORMS ARE CURRENTLY IN OPERATION ON U.S. CONTINENTAL SHELF. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT THEY BE REGISTERED AS AMERICAN VESSELS. DOT/U.S. COAST GUARD AND U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE/CARRIER RULINGS BRANCH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE INITIAL REFERENCE POINTS FOR MOLKENBOER.

5. FYI. RE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS CONCERNING TREATMENT OF ISSUES IN MULTILATERAL CONTEXT: OECD EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A CODE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT DOES NOT ENCOMPASS MILITARY ITEMS. DUTCH PROPOSALS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THEIR MERITS, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT TERM, AND NOT INSTITUTIONALLY IN FRAMEWORK OF NATO STANDARDIZATION. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT RESPONSE IS NOT DEFINITIVE ON SOME ISSUES RAISED BY EMBASSY, HOWEVER, SOME ARE IN FORMATIVE POLICY STAGE. END FYI. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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